

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification at page 7 by introducing the following paragraph after line 8:

FIG. 10 is a diagram of the jacketed fiber of Example 8 prior to embossing.

Please replace the paragraph on page 28, lines 11-16, with the following amended paragraph:

This example demonstrates that an embossing process may be used with a PVC jacketed fiber. Nominal 10 mm PVC jacketed fiber (commercially available from Lumenyte International Corporation) was embossed using the spur gear that had been radiused to present a 1 mm face to the fiber (see, Example 4). A diagram of the jacketed fiber is shown in FIG. 10 where the jacket is shown at reference number 200. The average depth of the optical elements in the fiber was 0.9 mm. By inspection with an optical microscope, it was observed that the cladding and PVC jacket were intact after embossing.